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FROM : Chief of Base, Bonn

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SUBJECT: GENERAL— Operational

SPECIFIC— Meeting with UTILITY

1. UTILITY and alias RAINER came to tea the afternoon of September 30.
2. There seem to be no worrisome problems involving us. Personnel and other problems arising from legalization are UTILITY's major concern (Dr. Horn said to me at dinner the other night: "If he (UTILITY) keeps on with this Ausverkauf, he wont have any decent people left.") As you know, he has given up 80 in the past few months. This assures him friends in important places, but it doesn't produce reports.
3. We discussed the problem arising out of the pressure in my office of a USAREUR representative under instructions to liaise in Bonn on an opposite number basis. We agreed that this is probably just as well, since the opposite number will be Wieland, who will know how to handle it. USAREUR is certainly entitled to this representation, and it helps complete the normal overt picture.
4. We agreed that it would be well for Colonel Clay, the new ODOPAL chief, to be briefed by POB and UPSWING. This visit may be combined with the visit of General Willems.
5. UTILITY thinks that the time has come to enter further into the BGFIGHTER picture under his new colors. This seems reasonable enough. It is a subject that might well be explored during UTILITY's Washington visit.
6. As recent cable traffic has indicated, UTILITY is anxious to see UPSWING, as a host service, begin to play a sponsoring and supporting role for the Allied services in their relations with the German authorities. This may be subject to interpretation as a desire to move in and cut us out. I am rather inclined to regard it as sincere and to believe that he would really help. This situation will not mature fast, however, if only because UPSWING's prestige is not thoroughly established among the Germans, and will not be for some time. Indeed, one of the objectives of the exercise is doubtless the boost to prestige that might be expected to derive from it.
7. UTILITY would like to meet the Ambassador. I think he should, and shall arrange.

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8. As in all our recent meetings, UTILITY seemed confident, at ease, and at peace with the world. His great battle has been won, the primary objective achieved. Now comes the long program of consolidation. UTILITY knows that the worst mistake he could make would be to move too fast, to throw his weight around. Each step is exposed to the question: "Is the time right?" And unless the step is obviously timely, the answer is likely to be "No!"

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